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Department of Fisheries

Directorate of Fisheries

Notification

1/Fishing loans/2003/DF

The Government of Goa is hereby pleased to frame a scheme for the grant of one time amnesty to Fishermen, as follows:—

1. *Title and commencement.*— (1) This scheme shall be called as the grant of one time amnesty against the loans granted to Fishermen Scheme, 2003.

(2) It shall come into force with immediate effect.

2. *Introduction.*— The Fisheries Department had granted loans to the Fishermen for construction of Boat, purchase of Hull, Engine Out Boat Motors and fishing requisites from 1964-65 to 1991-92 in accordance with the then prevailing Pattern of Assistance.

The recovery period which was 7 years for loans on hull and Engine and 5 years for fishing requisites has already expired.

Out of the total 501 Nos. of beneficiaries 339 Nos. of beneficiaries have cleared their loan whereas remaining 162 Nos. of beneficiaries have neither paid the principal amount nor interest inspite of repeated reminders and lapse of so many years resulting in accumulation of interest+Penal

interest. Those cases referred to the Revenue Recovery Courts have also been unduly delayed due to various administrative reasons.

This Scheme seek to provide relief to the defaulters and encourage them to settle their dues.

3. *Objectives of the Scheme.*— The objectives of the Scheme are as follows.—

(c) To recover the dues from the defaulters to the maximum possible extent by incurring minimum expenditure within short period.

(d) To recover the dues and settle the cases in the best interest of the Fisheries Department.

4. *Coverage.*— The Scheme shall cover the cases in respect of the loans on hull and Engine and fishing requisites granted with effect from 1964-65 to 1991-92 in those cases where the Principal loan amount exceeds Rs. 25,000 (Rupees twenty five thousand only) in each case and also those cases referred to the Revenue Recovery Court of different Talukas.

5. *Operation period of the scheme.*— The Scheme shall remain in operation for acceptance by the beneficiaries for a period of three months from the date of issue of this Notification.

6. *Settlement.*— Each beneficiary shall pay 100% of outstanding Principal amount in monthly instalments. The maximum number of instalments shall be three instalments.

Each beneficiary shall submit an undertaking in token of having accepted the scheme to the Director of Fisheries, Panaji.

The cases which are pending before the Revenue Recovery Courts will be kept in abeyance on the submission of the undertaking by the beneficiary in token of having accepted the scheme. However, if the beneficiary fails to pay 100% Principal amount within the stipulated period, the said pending cases will be processed further for recovery in full of the principal amount+interest+penal interest.

7. Waiver of Interest and Penal Interest.— 100% Interest+Penal Interest accrued on the loans referred to in this scheme till the date of issue of this Notification shall be waived off in respect of those beneficiaries who accept the above Scheme and pay 100% of the Principal amount within three months from the date of issue of this Notification.

Those beneficiaries who fail to accept the above Scheme within the stipulated period and or do not pay the Principal amount in toto within the stipulated period the interest+Penal interest shall be charged and these cases shall be referred by the Director of Fisheries, Panaji to the Revenue Recovery Courts to recover the Principal amount and Interest+penal Interest after the expiry of six months from the date of issue of this Notification.

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Panaji, 9th December, 2003.